



Historic Parish of St Augustine, Yass

Established: 1838

Bowning, Breadalbane, Dalton, Gunning, Gurrundah, Murrumbateman, Wee Jasper and Yass

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ST AUGUSTINE'S PARISH VISION STATEMENT

St Augustine's Parish is a community striving to be Christ to one another and to welcome and serve the Christ in those around us. We seek ongoing spiritual formation as individuals, as families and as a community. We hope, through pastoral care, to strengthen, support and enrich one another and reach out to others in witness and evangelisation.

Parish Priest	Father	Mick Burke
Youth Worker	Georgia	Breynard
Chair Finance Committee	Paul	O'Mara
Chair Parish Council	Joe	Morrissey
Principal of the School	Michael	Green
School Community Council	Amber	Maher
Sacramental Team Leader	Dianne	Carey
RCIA	Sister	Aileen
Parish Office	Zuzy	Webster
	<i>Monday and Wednesday 9:00am – 3:00pm</i>	
Parish Bulletin	Bianca	Nash
	<i>Friday 9:30am – 3:30pm</i>	

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR B

3rd & 4th November 2018



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Response: I love you Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes. **R**

Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be to the God that saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown love for his anointed. **R**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

PARISH PRAYER

Lord God, may we, as St Augustine's Parish, be a united and welcoming community recognising the need for Christ in our lives and serving the Christ in others. May we, as community, continue to face challenges together serving and supporting individuals and our families through our own personal efforts and our parish support groups. Guide us with your patient love. Fill us with your infinite Wisdom. Pour out your rich blessings upon us as we reach out to one another to fulfil our spiritual and pastoral needs as One in Christ, in community, and in faith, hope and love. AMEN.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

SUNDAY MASSES:

Yass:	<i>St Augustine</i>	
Vigil Saturday		6:00 pm
Gunning:	<i>St Francis Xavier</i>	
1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Sunday		8:30 am
5 th Sunday Liturgy of the Word and HC		8:30 am
Murrumbateman:	<i>Uniting Church Hall</i>	
1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Sunday		10:30 am
5 th Sunday Liturgy of the Word and HC		10:30 am
Wee Jasper:	<i>Our Lady of the Rosary</i>	
5 th Sunday		10:00 am

WEEKDAY MASSES

Wednesday	Yass	5:30 pm
Thursday	Yass	7:30 am
Friday	Yass	12:00 noon
Saturday	Yass	9:00 am

Nursing Home/Hostel

Thomas Eccles Gardens (Linton)		
2 nd Tues (monthly)	Yass	11:00 am

Horton/Warmincton

4 th Tues (monthly)	Yass	11:00 am
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Parishioners are invited to celebrate Mass with the residents at both locations.

Exposition

Saturday after 9:00am Mass until 10:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday Yass 10:00am, 5:00pm – 5:15pm

Sunday Gunning 8:00am – 8:15 am

At other times: On request

Baptisms

Yass Saturdays 10:30 am
3rd & 4th Sundays 12:15 pm

Gunning Parish 1st Sunday 8:30 am & 12:30 pm

Book by ringing the Parish Secretary (Mon, Wed. or Fri.)

Marriages

By appointment. Five to six months notice ideal.

School Enrolments

Mt Carmel Central School: Kindergarten to Yr 6. Ring the School Secretary for appointment (02) 6226 3357.

Thoughts from the Presbytery



FEASTS OF THE WEEK

Fri: Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Sat: St Leo the Great

The survey for the Plenary Council 2020 will be available next week. It will take less than five minutes to complete and should give us an indication as to the issues you see important before we gather early February.

Proceeds from the Book Fair this weekend will be split 50/50 with YRAR and our ongoing maintenance. It has been wonderful to see the many helpers involved in the mammoth task of displaying items for sale. Congratulations to Debbie Valencic and the volunteers.

Close to the Kingdom

In Oxford, England, there is a Catholic Worker House, part of the international Catholic Worker movement. It is a Christian community in which the love of God and love of neighbour are at the heart of everything.

Every morning, the three people who live at the Oxford house spend time in prayer and reflection. They do this to keep in close touch with the life and teachings of Jesus as recorded in the Gospels. They also believe that the Spirit of God is within every person, and so time is spent quietly discerning God's will in guiding their lives.

As for love of neighbour, the community offers hospitality to people in need. A couple of spare bedrooms are given over to destitute asylum seekers. The house is also an open-door home where people who are lonely, need or just looking for some company can enjoy a cup of tea and a warm welcome. The community also believes that living an environmentally sustainable lifestyle and working for peace are an important service to neighbours in the wider community. Members grow their own vegetables on an allotment, borrow or buy things second-hand and travel without a car. The community also involves itself in peace activities, particularly vigils and protests against the expansion of nuclear weapons establishments in the local area.

We are also called as a church community to reflect upon our priorities. How do we communicate our church's priorities to members and to the surrounding community? How far do we regard those suffering in other parts of the world as our neighbours – in need of more than occasional charity? If we feel we have a relationship with the whole of humanity, then work for global justice and peace may become a more significant part of church outreach.

GPBS eNews

The greatest commandment of all

Today we hear a very famous Gospel passage which we might dismiss easily because we feel we know it so well. Love God. Love your neighbour. It sounds simple, yet it can be so difficult. Loving God in our world today means being counter-cultural; often we are afraid to even admit that we are believers. Finding time for God can be impossible due to our hectic lifestyles; we are addicted to 'busy' and have become 'time poor'. Yet we can learn to see God in the everyday, right before us, in each task, in nature, in our friends and family. We might ask ourselves today, what prevents me from loving God, for making time for God in my life? For nourishing my relationship with God?

The love of neighbour which Jesus speaks of is a controversial love. It involves a love of people we don't know or like. It is a radical love of those that society wants to dismiss: love of the migrant, love of the homeless family, love of the drug addict, love of the prisoner, love of the earth, love of the climate refugee. Love God and Love Neighbour – it sounds so simple yet these are the toughest, most radical lines in the Gospel. It sounds like two commandments and yet they are one, interconnected and

Parish Finance Committee Members:

Bill	Luchetti	Father	Mick Burke
Stan	Waldren	David	Garland
Mark	Valencic	Paul	O'Mara
Trish	Gibbs	Irene	Carr (<i>Minutes</i>)

Parish Pastoral Council Members:

Georgia	Breynard (<i>Youth</i>)	Peter	Cleary (<i>Liturgy</i>)
Bryan	Coleborne (<i>Ecumenism</i>)	Michael	Green (<i>School</i>)
Joe	Morrissey (<i>Education</i>)	Steve	Scroope (<i>Social</i>)
Bob	Nash (<i>Maintenance</i>)	Michael	Van Wanrooy (<i>Welfare</i>)
<i>Ex Officio Member:</i> Fr Mick Burke		Sarah Johnston (<i>Social Justice</i>)	

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inseparable, for to love God we must love our neighbour. And by loving our neighbour we are loving God. Today let us all ask ourselves how we can live more fully this great commandment and be a shining example of Christ's love in the world.

Jane Mellett

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Ancient belief supported by Church tradition:

People of all religions have believed in the immortality of the soul and have prayed for the dead:

- 1) The Jews, for example, believed that there was a place of temporary bondage from which the souls of the dead would receive their final release. The Jewish catechism *Talmud* states that prayers for the dead will help to bring greater rewards and blessings to them. Prayer for the souls of the departed is retained by Orthodox Jews today, who recite a prayer known as the *Mourner's Kaddish* for eleven months after the death of a loved one so that he/she may be purified.
- 2) First century practice: Jesus and the apostles shared this belief and passed it on to the early Church. "*Remember us who have gone before you, in your prayers,*" is a petition often found inscribed on the walls of the Roman catacombs (*Lumen Gentium*-50).
- 3) The liturgies of the Mass in various rites dating from the early centuries of the Church include "Prayers for the Dead."
- 4) The early Fathers of the Church encouraged this practice. Tertullian (A.D. 160-240) wrote about the anniversary Masses for the dead, advising widows to pray for their husbands. St. Augustine remarked that he used to pray for his deceased mother, remembering her request: "*When I die, bury me anywhere you like, but remember to pray for me at the altar*" (*St. Augustine of Hippo, Confessions, Book 9, Chapter 11, Section 27*).
- 5) The Synods of Nicaea, Florence and Trent encouraged the offering of prayers for the dead, citing Scriptural evidences to prove that there is a place or state of purification for those who die with venial sins on their souls.

One Monday, three priests, a Franciscan, a Dominican and a Jesuit were having a hard time on the golf course. The golfers in front of the priests were the slowest and worst they had ever seen. Golf balls were going everywhere. Against golfing etiquette, the group never asked the priests to 'play through'. By the 18th hole the priests were furious. At the clubhouse, just as they were going over to blast the group, they were told that the men were blind.

The Franciscan, moved with remorse at how they had spoken about the group, said to the Dominican and the Jesuit, 'I am going to say Mass every day that God may grant them a miracle and restore their sight'. The Dominican, equally filled with regret, told the Jesuit and the Franciscan that he was going to get the blind men an appointment with the best eye surgeon in town. The Jesuit, however, looked at the Franciscan and the Dominican and declared, 'I can't see why



This weekend we welcome into our Church community:

Max Rohan	child of	Rohan & Tara
Zach James & Jason Lee	children of	Trent & Mardi
Eliza Robyn	child of	Scott & Emily
Lincoln Paul	child of	Daniel & Rebecca <i>(Breadalbane)</i>

Next weekend we welcome into our Church community:

Felix John Arthur	child of	Christopher & Tara
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We are looking for a parishioner to look after and care for the gardens in front of the Hartigan Centre. Roma has decided to call it a day due to health issues. We thank Roma for her wonderful work over the past two years.

Please contact Bob Nash on 0418 691 423 as soon as possible.

The Timor-Leste Blind Association want to express our deepest gratitude to Yass/Gunning Belun for the funds, \$500.00 American through brother Jose, to take care of the land certificate for the land purchased from Mr. Carlos. The certificate is being processed by the Minister of Land Management.

Yass/Gunning acknowledges a generous gift of \$500 received this week.



Director AHDMTL Gaspar Afonso, Brother Jose and staff from the Minister of Land Management measuring AHDMTL land.

CALL TO CONNECT

The prayer gathering 'Call to Connect' next meeting will be on Tuesday 13th November at 2:30pm in the Lovat Chapel.

CIRCLE OF SISTERS BRUNCH – 17th NOVEMBER

November's Circle of Sisters Brunch will be on November 17th, 10:00am in the Anglican Church Hall (now nicely air-conditioned).

We will be delving into "Rediscovering the Amazing in the Common Place"

Please bring a plate of food to share. Tea, coffee, and juice will be supplied.

Come and share some fellowship with other like-minded women in the district, and let's see if we can't remember the amazement of some of the things we often take for granted because they are so familiar.

Contact: Lynette Rampling 0406 375 412.

BOOK FAIR – 3rd AND 4th NOVEMBER

Come and check out the books at the Book Fair!

Funds this year will go to various parish building/maintenance commitments, with a proportion being directed towards Yass Rural Australians for Refugees to assist them with their valuable work.

Book Fair hours:

Saturday 3rd November 9:00am – 4:00pm, 7:00 – 8:30pm
Sunday 4th November 9:00am – 4:00pm

THE PURSUIT OF HOLINESS WEEKEND RETREAT – 9th NOVEMBER

At St Clement's Galong. Directed by Fr Hugh Thomas CSSR and organised by Legion of Mary.

SEMINAR: CONSIDER THE CAUSE OF THE POOR – 10th NOVEMBER

A day seminar on responding to the needs of the poor in the current age presented by the Good Shepherd prayer group with Kate Cleary and Fr Bernie Patterson.

Time: 9:00am to 4:00pm.

Venue: Parish Room, St Peter Chancels Catholic Church, Weston St, Yarralumla.

Free event, morning tea provided.

For more info call Kate 0404 112 428; Neda 0415 266 019; or Susanna 0419 902 293.

CANBERRA WOMEN'S CURSILLO WEEKEND – 15th to 18th NOVEMBER

Women of the Archdiocese are invited to an invigorating and fun weekend to be held at Greenhills Conference Centre, Cotter Road, Canberra from 6:00pm Thursday to 4:00pm Sunday.

Meet other women and reflect on your faith and where God is in your life, with Fr Bernie Patterson as the Spiritual Director.

Enquiries and registration: Lorraine Barker lorraine-barker@grapevine.com.au or 0437 329 371.

MILITARY CHAPLAINS FUNDRAISING DINNER – 24th NOVEMBER

Invitation to all parishioners to attend the dinner at the Holy Trinity Parish Centre, Curtin. The dinner is hosted by the Knights of the Southern Cross and people are asked to arrive at 7:15pm for a 7:30pm start. Guest speaker is Monsignor John Woods, PP of the North Woden parish.

Cost: \$50.00 per person for a 2-course hot meal and dessert.

Donations will be sought at the dinner for the training of Catholic Military Chaplains and there will be lucky door prizes. A maximum of 75 tickets.

Contact: Bob Perkins (02) 6247 2977 to reserve tickets. The dinner is BYO but juice and soft drinks will be provided.

Book by e-mailing neo@ksca.org.au

SAYG – ST AUGUSTINE'S YOUTH GROUP

For Those Who Are In Yr 7-12, we meet every alternate week of term. We meet at Mass at 6:00pm and follow up with a gathering involving sport/games, sharing a meal and breaking open key aspects of the Christian faith in a fun, relaxed and non-threatening environment.

MUSIC PRACTICE TIME

St. Augustine's Church, Thursdays at 5:00pm

COMMUNION REFLECTION

Not far from the Kingdom of God

Words we connect with the Kingdom of God, like gently, kind, compassionate, caring, are words we connect with Jesus.

Activities like working for justice, caring for the poor, housing the homeless, concern for the developing world, teaching prayer and the meaning of life, are activities within the Kingdom of God.

We want to be like Jesus, accepting of others in difficulty and dispute, forgiving of faults and failings, challenging in teaching the truth, for he is the human image of the Kingdom of God, and when you try to live like him, you are not far from the Kingdom of God.

These are some words and activities of love, for to love God and the neighbour means you are not far from the Kingdom of God.

This is our entry to God's Kingdom.

READINGS NEXT WEEK:

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YR B

First Reading 1 Kgs 17:10-16

Elijah and the widow at Zaraphath.

Second Reading Heb 9:24-28

Christ will appear again to bring salvation.

Gospel Mk 12:38-44

The widow's mite.

Please reflect on these readings over the coming week

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PRAYERS FOR THE DECEASED



Recently Deceased

John Beeten, Sr Mary Patricia Crowe RSM, Maria Trang Nguyen and Danial Wilson.

Prayers for

Mitchell Davison.

Prayers for all those whose anniversary occurs at this time including:

Joan Bartlett (1/10), Coral Davis (1/10), Marie O'Mara (3/10), Theresa Epple (4/10), Charles Harris (8/10), Emily Skillin (10/10), Arthur Bush (12/10), Cheryl Harris (13/10), Jayne Kemp (17/10), Bryan Perryman (19/10), Reginald Cassidy (22/10), John Richmond (23/10), Harold Carey (27/10), Sylvia McCarthy (29/10), Allan Fitzpatrick (23/10), Terence McGann (24/10), Rita Slattery (26/10), Cecil MacQuillan (27/10), Grace McGann (30/10), Edward Cassidy (31/10) and Patricia Fagan (31/10).

Always In Our Hearts Loved and Remembered

ROSTERS

LITURGY

1 = Readings/Resp. Psalm/Gospel Acc. 2 = Prayers of the Faithful
3 = Offertory 4 = Acolyte

3 Nov	Rod Morton	Perceval Family	1	3	Joe Vince	Morrissey Coffey	2	4
10 Nov	Tom Bob	Considine Nash	1	3	Rod Ken	Perceval Robbie	2	4

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

3 Nov	Kay Perceval	Steve Scroope	Coral	Carroll
10 Nov	Joe Morrissey	Ken Robbie	Coral	Carroll

VISITS

4 Nov	Kay Perceval	Steve Scroope	Coral	Carroll
11 Nov	Frank Grace	Susan Morrissey	Kay	Perceval

ALTAR SERVERS

3 Nov	Molly McPherson	Fergus	Green
10 Nov	Ella & Rachel Widdows		

POWER POINT PRESENTERS

3 Nov	Dianne Carey	10 Nov	Peter Cleary
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HOSPITALITY

3 Nov	Michael & Helen Van Wanrooy
10 Nov	Kay Perceval Irene Carr

CARE GROUP

5 Nov	Margaret Wilson			(Group 1)
	Pat Longley	Pauline	Abbey	(Group 2)
12 Nov	Sr Aileen	Sr Macrina		(Group 3)
	Marie Polyak	Irene Carr		(Group 4)

ALTAR CLEANERS

3 Nov	Kay Perceval	10 Nov	Coral Carroll
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OLD LINTON MEDICAL PRACTICE

Dr Ray Burn, Dr Hanna Burn-Petersen
Dr Ann Stephenson – Psychiatrist
Sue Leitner – Foot Nurse

Monday - Friday

9:00 am – 5:00 pm (by appointment)

(Closed for lunch 1pm – 2pm)

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